

The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Pen

14 God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night. They will mark events, sacred seasons, days, and years. 15 They will be lights in the dome of the sky to shine on the earth." And that's what happened. 16 God made the stars and two great lights: the larger light to rule over the day and the smaller light to rule over the night. 17 God put them in the dome of the sky to shine on the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was. 19 There was evening and there was morning: the fourth day.

Genesis 1:14-19

Since creation, seasons have been the way we humans mark time. But, all of creation falls into a pattern of seasons, doesn't it? In God's infinite wisdom, seasons keep the world working, renewing, and moving. Plants have seasonal patterns, animals have seasonal migratory patterns, and the weather itself has mostly predictable seasonal patterns. The world works in seasons. Now that fall is beginning its hold on Richmond, we can remember that our lives have seasons as well.

Our personal lives have seasons as the circumstances of our relationships, occupations, and health change over time. The life of Trinity itself has seasons, too. I believe we are now in a season of rediscovery, energy, and growth. That's an exciting thing to be part of, and I love being here for this season!

But this season needs all of our help. We all need to offer our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. We need you! I encourage you to find a way to be involved and lend what you can to the mission at hand. Let this season energize us all to, together, reach the community around us, "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." We are God's people in this place and this time. Thanks be to God!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian

Fall Festival

The Trinity UMC family invites you to join us for our Fall Festival on **Sunday, October 20**, to enjoy activities and community!

Activities for Families include:

- Inflatables
- Trunk or Treat (Register via sign up link below)
- Face Painting Station
- Gaga Ball
- Pickleball
- And more!

We are looking forward to having you join us for a fun time spent with special people! **Also, we will need volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, including hosting a trunk for the Trunk or Treat, go to [this link](#) to sign up.**





Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 8 Join us for a day trip to Michie Tavern in Charlottesville for lunch, followed by a stop at Carter's Mountain for all things apple: apple cider, apple cider donuts, and fresh apples off the tree! Cost of lunch and transportation: \$35.00; reservations will be required ahead of time. We will leave Trinity at 10:45 AM and return at 4 PM.

Sunday, November 17 Come join us as we hear "American Indian Residential Boarding Schools", a program by Joann Faulkner on the history of Native Americans in Virginia. We will be in Trinity Hall, 2 – 3:30 PM. Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, December 11 Join us as we travel to Riverside Theater to see "Christmas Spectacular". Lunch and Matinee performance included. We will leave at 10 AM and return by 5 PM.

We hope you will plan to join us for these programs and day trips! Contact Dan Nichols or Judy Oguich for more information.



Our Young at Heart enjoyed good fellowship and delicious food on Sunday, September 15 at Tanglewood Ordinary.



Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 20

Join us at the Veterans Memorial Garden (the one with the flagpole on Forest Avenue) at **2:30 PM for all**

animals.

All animals:

- Need to be healthy and up-to-date with shots.
- In a carrier or on a leash with adult supervision
- Be very sociable and safe around other animals (If your pet is too shy, too aggressive, or just too difficult to transport, please just bring a photo to be blessed.)

Questions? Contact church office at 288-6056.



Cub Scout Pack 799

Please join Pack 799 for our first Scout Spaghetti Spectacular for Good! On **Sunday, October 6** from 5:30 – 7:30 PM in Trinity Hall. The menu consists of spaghetti, meatballs, salad and bread. Cost is \$15 per person.

Each ticket sold helps support the following mission: "Feed Those in Need". For each portion served, the pack will donate an equal portion of non-perishable food to the local food bank. Eat a plate, provide a plate!

To get tickets: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/pack-799-spaghetti-spectacular/items?cart>

Mission Listening Sessions

As a church, one of our highest callings is to love and serve our neighbors. Trinity's leadership is working to cast a new vision for how we do this holy work, one that will include the gifts, talents, and dreams of everyone in our church family. To do this, we need to hear from you!

This Fall, we will be hosting three listening sessions. We hope you will attend at least one of these sessions to share what kinds of mission work you are passionate about, what your skills for mission are, and what needs you see for mission in our community. Your participation in these events will help Trinity's leadership better discern what direction our missional efforts should take going forward! Please sign up for one of the following sessions at: www.trinityumc.net/missions

- **Listening Session 1: Sunday, October 13 – 10 – 11 AM in Trinity Hall.**
- **Listening Session 2: Wednesday, October 16 – 6 – 7 PM in Rm. 323.**
- **Listening Session 3: Sunday, November 3 – 12 – 1 PM in Trinity Hall.**

Come and make your voice heard!



Pub Theology

On **Tuesday, October 15**, Pub Theology will be held at the WayGone Brewery on Patterson Avenue. Our gathering starts with food and fellowship at 6 PM. The church provides pizza, and we ask attendees to offer a \$5.00 donation to help offset cost. Each person is responsible for their own beverage purchase.



Pumpkin Patch Volunteers

We need your help!

Trinity's Pumpkin Patch is now open and continues until Saturday, November 2, and we need as many people as possible to take a shift helping with sales. Each will be two hours long. The Patch itself will be open for sales from 12 PM to 7 PM on Weekdays, 10 AM to 7 PM on Saturdays, and 10 AM to 6:30 PM on Sundays. If you are interested in signing up, go to this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A8A72AA2FDC16-50853558-trinity#/>

Please consider donating some of your time to support this great ministry of our church!

Fall Retreat

From **November 15-17**, Trinity students will head out to Camp Hanover for a weekend of fun, reflection, and time together! We'll have outdoor games and activities, as well as small group time and worship! It should be a great weekend! Cost to attend is \$75 per person, and we can work on prices as needed. Registrations must be complete by noon on November 1. [Go to our website to sign up](#), and remember to fill out our [Annual Student Form as well](#).

Questions? Contact Daniel (dguenther@trinityumc.net) or Kenzel (kpugh@trinityumc.net).

Students, we look forward to seeing you!



The Return of the Veterans Pancake Breakfast

On **Sunday, November 10**, the Outreach Class will be presenting the Veterans Pancake Breakfast. Pancakes, bacon, baked apples, juice, and coffee will be offered. More details will be presented closer to the date related to start time and cost.

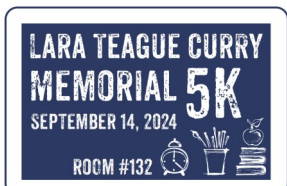
Additionally, our guest speaker this year will be retired U.S. Army Major General Mari K. Eder. Major General Eder is author of the book *The Girls Who Stepped Out of Line*. This book "highlights the often overlooked and crucial contributions of women during World War II."

Finally, if you have a Trinity Veteran that you would like to have recognized at this program, send the name and branch of military that he/she served to Bill Pike at bpik@trinityumc.net or call the church office. Deadline for submitting names is **Wednesday, November 6**.

Join the Lessons & Carols Choir

Calling all singers! Trinity's choir will begin rehearsing music for our annual Lessons & Carols service in October, and we would be delighted for you to add your voice to the chorus! We rehearse every Wednesday evening at 7:30, beginning each rehearsal with Lessons & Carols repertoire. You are welcome to join us for the Lessons & Carols portion of each rehearsal only, or to stay and sing with the Sunday morning group too!

The service of Lessons & Carols will take place **Sunday, December 8** at 4:00 PM. We hope you, your friends, neighbors, and loved ones will join us.



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Lara Teague Curry Memorial 5K

Thanks to everyone who came out to support the Lara Teague Curry Memorial 5K. The event attracted over 200 walkers and runners including the Kids Fun Run and virtual participants. We appreciate our volunteers, the Trinity staff, sponsors, representatives from local mental health organizations, Henrico Police, Third Church, St. Stephen's Episcopal, Douglas Freeman High School, the Henrico Education Foundation, and our special guest entertainer, Jonathan Austin. The Curry and

Teague families are thankful for your kind hearts.



What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?

Kids Discipleship during the 10am hour occurs in these locations:

Nursery: Birth – 3 year olds
Room 208: Preschoolers (3-5 year olds)
Room 302: Elementary schoolers

Here's what we're learning this month!



As the sun sets and you nod off to sleep, an entire nighttime world awakens. Along with our dreams and slumber, the night can also mean shadows and unfamiliar sounds. Who makes us feel safe when the world is dark and scary? In this four-week series based on the life of Joseph, we'll learn about how God watches over us and loves everyone the same. No matter what we go through, God will make things right, which is why we can obey God above anyone else.



Kids Worship (after the Kids Moment at both the 9am and 11am worship services) is in need of volunteers for the fall!

Please sign up if you can help!

<https://tinyurl.com/3shj4bx4>



We have some openings in the nursery this fall. Please sign up if you can help during any of these times/dates:

<https://tinyurl.com/yc4d7v6p>



Transit is our 4th and 5th grade program at Trinity! It is open to all 4th and 5th graders at Trinity and in our community! We meet 3x each month from September – November and January – March at Trinity from 5-7pm on Sunday evenings in room 302. Our program includes dinner and activities/games!

Our fall dates for Transit are:

October 6, 13, 27

November 10, 17, 24



We need many volunteers to make this festival a success! Sign up here if you can help with a shift or decorate your trunk for the trunk or treat! We are also asking for candy donations!

<https://tinyurl.com/35sf7r5>



United Women in Faith President's Message

Dear Trinity Sisters,
Happy Fall!

I hope each of you can enjoy a long walk and the beautiful colors God paints in the leaves. We have some big meetings coming up and I hope you can join us to learn more about our organization and what we're up to.

Circle leaders, please bring your 2025 pledges from your circle to the October meeting. We don't need money now—just your intended pledge for the year. We have moved it to 7pm to accommodate our working women. We are moving to a January-December accountable year, finally! It will be so much easier to keep track now. We can budget our programs better this way.

My prayer for us all is to find something you love to do and pursue it with all your heart. Bob Argabright certainly blessed us with how he did just that at Bellemeade Park.

Remember—you are loved!

Jo, Trinity UWF President

November 14 Harvest Day



9:30: Brunch in Welcome Center
10:15 - Service in Sanctuary

Program: Music in Our Faith

Upcoming District UWF Events

October 5 - Three Notch'd District Annual Meeting will be held at Aldersgate UMC 1500 Rio Rd E. Charlottesville, VA 22901. 9 a.m. Registration & Refreshments; 10 a.m. Meeting & Worship

October 26 - VA Conference Annual Meeting (Zoom only) from 10:00am – 12 Noon. Register for Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctc-uhqTksEtCdQxl-Gq-DhS9SoOrhRsyd>

October 10 – 7pm – Room 324

Living Waters in Times of Drought:
Re-digging the Wells of Our Foremothers
Speakers: Jo Lewis and Shari Adams

Join us to hear about the Southeastern Jurisdictional Quadrennial United Women in Faith Assembly held in Chattanooga, TN last spring. This presentation will be followed by our Pledge Service for 2025.



Photo of Virginia Conference Delegates; Shari and Jo standing on the left behind President Linda Porter

Circle News

Circle 1 – We will meet on Tuesday, October 15, 9:30am, in the Parlor to listen to the podcast “Maria Shriver’s Meaningful Conversations: Father Greg Boyle shares the Meaning of Radical Kinship.”

Circle 4 – On Thursday, October 3, 11am, we will meet in the Student Center to discuss the information presented in the Dillard Forum breakout sessions and identify service opportunities.

Circle 6 – On Tuesday, October 1, we will meet at church at 9:30am for a road trip to Bellemeade Park. We welcome others to go with us. Call Jo Lewis to reserve your seat on the van. (804-784-4370) Pack a sandwich and we will have a picnic lunch there before we return around 1pm.

Circle 7 – On Monday October 7 we will volunteer with the Jill’s Blankets event in Trinity Hall at 6pm. On Thursday October 17 we will create cards and fall favors for Trinity’s homebound.

Circle 10 – We will meet on Thursday, October 3, 7pm, at the home of Karen Shudtz. Guest speaker: Whitney Meleski, Program Manager of the Cancer Line Service at Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Richmond Metro Habitat for Humanity Meeting and Adirondack Chair Building

Richmond Metro Habitat for Humanity will hold their Building On Faith Breakfast Meeting in Trinity Hall starting at 8:30 AM on **Saturday, October 5**. If you have an interest in attending, contact Bill Pike: bpik@TrinityUMC.net. The program that morning will feature brief updates about Habitat's fiscal year, future building projects, comments from a partner family, and a faith partner.

Following the meeting guests will be invited to participate in the building of Adirondack chairs. Precut pieces of wood will be assembled following a pattern. Once those chairs are put together, they will be available for sale as a fundraiser for Habitat.

We'd love to have you join us for the breakfast meeting and the construction of the Adirondack chairs.



New Shoes: Thank You!

Thanks to the hard work and support of many, the New Shoes for Back to School ministry had a successful return to in-person distribution on Labor Day (Sept. 2, 2024). Trinity supplied 236 pairs of shoes, joining 9 other congregations from across Richmond in collecting more than 2,000 pairs total. On the day of the event, families lined up outside of Third Street Bethel AME in downtown Richmond. The schoolchildren were excited and the parents were grateful. Shoes left over from the event are going to Title 1 schools across the Richmond Metro region. Many thanks go to the Trinity members who helped out in numerous ways: donating shoes and funds; helping to order shoes, sorting and organizing, transporting the shoes, and volunteering on the Labor Day holiday. Funds also came from a grant from the Lenten and Easter Mission Offering, and a huge thank you goes out to the Trinity Foundation for their generous support.



Joys and Concerns

Birth

Waverly Coddington Bechtel born on September 3 to Clay and Jay Bechtel. His grandparents are Nancy & Ian Coddington, and his great-aunt is Mary Virginia Manson

Our sympathies to...

*The family of Dick Abbott who died September 20
Janet Keene whose granddaughter Kimberly Keene died September 16
Renee Riggs whose father-in-law William "Bill" Riggs died September 16
Joe Andrews whose brother-in-law William "Bill" Riggs died September 16
The family of Martha Schrenk who died September 5
The family of Polly Lantz who died September 1*

District Conference

The District will hold its **Annual District Conference** on **Sunday, November 17, 3:00 PM**, at: Zion UMC, 1674 Zion Road Troy, VA 22974.

Highlights of the District Conference will include a message by D.S. Lee, voting on district leadership, and communion. All clergy and laity are invited to attend.



Jill's Blankets

Join us for our fall event! Monday, **October 7** in Trinity Hall. Choose between three sessions; morning (9:30 AM – 12 Noon), afternoon (2 – 4 PM) or evening (6 – 8 PM). Come when you can and stay as long as you are able. All materials (scissors & fleece) are provided. Thank you for helping us make cancer patients feel cozy this fall! Spread the word and bring friends. Light snacks provided! Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AFAB29AAFD43-50413693-fall#/>



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, October 21 at 4 PM** for **events taking place in November**. Articles may be submitted prior to the deadline, and we encourage early submissions. Articles must be submitted in writing to Kim Tingler, ktingler@trinityumc.net.